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<u>2. 101st Mort Regt in Louny</u>	
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penal battalion

1. A penal battalion was stationed in Plavecke Podhradie (P 49/T 03). The battalion was assigned the mission of labor service and the political re-education of soldiers being punished for political offenses. The members are from units stationed throughout Czechoslovakia. They are treated like prisoners and are never given leave. Weapons are not issued. (1)
2. The battalion headquarters was in Plavecke Podhradie. The 22d Penal co was stationed in that town and was allegedly attached to an engineer regiment in Sered (P 49/T 31). (2) The company had 16 guards and 160 military prisoners and worked on road construction at the Malacky (P 49/S 82) troop training grounds and on the Malacky-Jablonove (P 49/S 91) highway. The 21st Penal co was located in Kamenica and Sirokou (R 49/L 86). (3)
3. officers included Senior Lieutenant Fedorcik (fnu), a native-born Russian who had served with the Soviet Army and who was the battalion commander, and Captain Aurel Gresa, a Slovak, who was DOZ officer.

101st Mort Regt

4. The 101st Mort Regt was stationed in Louny (N 51/T 31) on 15 February 1949. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Topucka. It was believed that equipment included at least fifty 120-mm mortars and 60 trucks. (4)

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Comments.

- 25X1 {1} penal battalions and so-called penal camps of the Czecho-
slovakian Army have been reported frequently. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] Plavecke Podhradie was reported to be
25X1 a training camp at the Malacky troop training grounds.
25X1 {2} Engineer unit [redacted] allegedly activated from the
former 4th Eng Regt, was reported to be stationed in
25X1 Sered. [redacted]
{3} Kamenica is a troop training grounds in Slovakia.
{4} The 101st Mort, or Arty, Regt has been in Louny since 1948.
It belongs to the 2d Arty brig of the 1st MD.

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